

Valentine, Julia

From: Konkus, John
Sent: Wednesday, February 22, 2017 1:53 PM
To: Valentine, Julia
Subject: Re: Response to email inquiries

No reply please

Sent from my iPhone

On Feb 22, 2017, at 1:52 PM, Valentine, Julia <Valentine.Julia@epa.gov> wrote:

Hi John,

George told me how we will proceed.

Can we tell those reporters "EPA declines to comment."

This is my preference but I'm not going to drop dead if you don't want to do it.

Thanks for considering!

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Valentine, Julia

From: Grantham, Nancy
Sent: Thursday, February 23, 2017 10:51 AM
To: Valentine, Julia; Hull, George
Subject: FW: RFS biofuels

Don't you want to pull this based on discussion late yesterday? Thanks ng

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-----Original Message-----

From: StClair, Christie
Sent: Thursday, February 23, 2017 10:45 AM
To: Press <Press@epa.gov>
Subject: RE: RFS biofuels

I'll handle

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-----Original Message-----

From: scott Gibson [mailto:jscottgibson@yahoo.com]
Sent: Thursday, February 23, 2017 10:27 AM
To: Press <Press@epa.gov>
Subject: RFS biofuels

Greetings,

I'm trying to learn whether the EPA has standard tests for CO2 and other greenhouse gas emissions for biofuels that qualify for the RFS program. Specifically, a Canadian company called Ensyn makes a cellulosic biofuel it calls "renewable fuel oil," which it claims reduces GHG emissions by 85% — presumably when compared to a fossil fuel.

Does the EPA test these claims? Is there a standard test that is used? Are results of any testing posted at any EPA site?

Also, can someone explain how the RFS works in relation to heating oil? Are retailers required to use renewables in their blends?

Thank you.

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From: Konkus, John
Sent: Tuesday, February 28, 2017 10:34 AM
To: Press
Cc: Hull, George
Subject: RE: JOHN HEADS UP Press inquiries about RFS

Please don't respond at all at this time.

From: Press
Sent: Tuesday, February 28, 2017 10:32 AM
To: Konkus, John <konkus.john@epa.gov>
Cc: Hull, George <Hull.George@epa.gov>
Subject: RE: JOHN HEADS UP Press inquiries about RFS

Ok to say this?
We decline to comment.

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From: Konkus, John
Sent: Tuesday, February 28, 2017 10:04 AM
To: Press <Press@epa.gov>
Cc: Hull, George <Hull.George@epa.gov>
Subject: RE: JOHN HEADS UP Press inquiries about RFS

No statement. We don't comment on rumors.

From: Press
Sent: Tuesday, February 28, 2017 10:02 AM
To: Konkus, John <konkus.john@epa.gov>
Cc: Hull, George <Hull.George@epa.gov>
Subject: JOHN HEADS UP Press inquiries about RFS
Importance: High

John,

Have you heard from anyone about this?
George and I are talking with OAR in a few minutes. They can start a statement on it that we can share with the team to edit as everyone sees fit. (whether or not we use it)

Thanks

From: Jennifer A. Dlouhy (BLOOMBERG/ WASHINGTON) [<mailto:jdlohy1@bloomberg.net>]
Sent: Tuesday, February 28, 2017 9:26 AM
To: Press <Press@epa.gov>
Subject: Comment on RFS

Is there any comment on the agreement among Carl Icahn, Valero Energy Corp., the Renewable Fuels Association and others on a change to the RFS point of obligation -- along with a Reid vapor pressure waiver change -- that is under consideration by various members of the Trump administration?

Elsewhere, just circling back to see if there's anything EPA can or will say about the proposed budget cuts, including confirmation they would be as much as 24 percent?

Thanks,
Jen.

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